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1. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED PUERTO RICO AND DELIVERED TEXT OF SCHAUFLE LETTER TO ACTING FONMIN RAFI'I SEPTEMBER 12, DIRECTING RAFI'I'S PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO LEGAL BASIS OF U.S. PRESENTATION. RAFI'I PROMISED TO GIVE LETTER CLOSEST STUDY. HE PROFESSED BE UNAWARE CURRENT STATUS REVIEW OF PUERTO RICAN QUESTION IN COMMITTEE OF 24.

2. IN SEPARATE MEETING WITH AMERICAN DESK OFFICER HAMOUD SHOUI, EMBOFF WAS TOLD SARG HAD REPORT FROM SYRIAN EMBASSY HAVANA TO EFFCT THAT CUBAN PRESS HAD RECENTLY PUBLISHED ARTICLE DATED WASHINGTON CLAIMING SYRIAN ATTITUDE TOWARD PR WOULD NOT BE AS STRONG THIS YEAR AS PREVIOUSLY. SHOUI SAID ARTICLE PROMPTED MEETING WITHIN FONMIN TO DETERMINE WHAT POSITION SARG WOULD IN FACT TAKE THIS YEAR AT UN. SHOUI SAID IT HIS IMPRESSION SARG WOULD NOT SPONSOR CUBAN/PR RESOLUTION THIS YEAR. DAMASCUS WILL
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PROBABLY LIMIT ITSELF TO REITERATION OF SYRIAN SUPPORT

FOR SELF-DETERMINATION OF ALL PEOPLE.

3. SYRIAN FONMIN OFFICERS, ACCORDING SHOULFI, SUSPECT THAT CUBAN PRESS ARTICLE WAS IN FACT PLANTED BY CUBANS THEMSELVES SO THEY CAN BLAME OTHER GOVERNMENTS' LACK OF SUPPORT FOR CUBA'S OWN DECISION NOT TO PUSH PR ISSUE THIS YEAR. SYRIANS SEE GROWING RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN US AND CUBA AND ASSUME CUBA DOES NOT WISH AGGRAVATE ITS BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH U.S. OVER PR.
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